Eligibility Criteria

To meet the original purpose of SMBC acquiring these assets, which were part funded by a British Cycling Place to Ride grant, the terms of the arrangement and asset transfer must meet the following criteria.

• The assets must be re-located in/close to a geographical area of need, which we are defining as:
o North Solihull wards,
o Hobs Moat North – Local Super Output Area LSOA (Lyndon ward),
o Green Hill LSOA (Shirley East ward),
o Consideration will also be given for Solihull Lodge, Olton South, and Ulverley East LSOAs. (These LSOAs in South Solihull are also within the most deprived 30% nationally).

• The 20ft shipping container must be used as a base to:
o Store the existing bikes when they are not in use (mixed use will be considered); and/or
o Be used as a space to deliver cycling related activities, e.g. bike/cycling repair workshops/courses.

• The bikes/helmets must be made available for community cycling activities, on either a group or individual basis (e.g. bike loans, group rides, learn to ride or fix it type sessions or similar).

• Activities must be provided at low-cost to the user, and the cycling hub should be a not-for-profit initiative, but we recognise that income from participation may be required to keep the assets in good condition and to develop opportunities.

• Expressions of interest that include asset use by the following population groups, will be viewed more positively.
o People with long-term conditions
o Carers
o Disabled people

• General annual feedback to be provided until 31st March 2027, e.g. once a year, a short summary on what the assets have been used for, which can include user feedback on activities organised. Please note, no performance data is required on number of participants or demographics.

• Must own the land or have minimum 2-year landowners' permission to site the container in the proposed location.

• These assets cannot be sold for a minimum period of 5 years, but can be transferred to another community organisation within this timeframe.

Additional Information:
• SMBC will provide bike servicing and marketing/comms support for a mutually agreed period of time. Plus, free access to cycle leader/bike maintenance qualifications to support your delivery.

• SMBC would like to stay connected to learn from successes and challenges, to help us understand how the community-ownership model is working.

• SMBC will not be involved in the way in which these assets are run/utilised, unless it contravenes the eligibility criteria noted above.